(b) whether any action has already been taken to clean up the DAE's rot;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) is subject to audit by the Comptroller & Auditor General (CAG) like all other Departments of the Government of India. The Accounts of the Department are also subject to scrutiny by the Public Accounts Committee. Programmes of DAE are overseen and directed by the Atomic Energy Commission. The Department is recognised for the high calibre of its scientific and technical staff and several of these scientists are of international repute. The Department has been very successful in implementing all programmes in spite of challenges of technology development and external embargo.

(b), (c) and (d) Do not arise in view of reply at (a) above.

Nuclear Reactors to tide over power crisis

3797. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of reports in the press that 8 Nuke Reactors would be ready by 2008;

(b) if so, the quantum of power to be generated and the beneficiary States; and

(c) the other such projects that are proposed to be taken up in the future to tide over power crisis in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The 8 nuclear power reactor units, presently under construction and scheduled for completion progressively during the year 2006 to 2008 are:

1. TAPP-3&4 (2×500 MWe, being uprated to 2×540 MWe) at Tarapur, Maharashtra.
2. Kaiga-3×4 (2×220 MWe) at Kaiga, Karnataka
3. Kudankulam-1&2(2×1000 MWe) at Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu.
4. RAPP-5&6 (2×220 MWe) at Rawatbhata, Rajasthan.

The total capacity addition in the nuclear electricity generation capacity will then be 3960 MWe. As per the practice, the share of power for different states, in the respective electricity regions, will be finalised in consultation with Ministry of Power and the beneficiary states.

(c) More projects, subject to the availability of financial resources, are planned to be undertaken progressively so as ultimately to reach a total capacity of 20,000 MWe by the year 2020.

Allotment of STD/ISD/PCOs in Punjab

†3798. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending with Government for allotment of STD/ISD/PCOs at different places/towns in Punjab and since when such applications are pending;

(b) the details of STD/ISD/PCOs cleared and allotted in the State during the last three years, district-wise;

(c) the norms for opening of STD/ISD/PCO in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Sir, 171 applications are pending as on 31.3.2002 out of which 137 are pending in Ludhiana Telecom District, 12 in Patiala Telecom District, 7 in Hoshiarpur Telecom

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